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Honorable Fred Grandy
House of Representatives
418 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Grandy:

This is in reply to your letter of March 16, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of being unusable.

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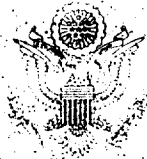
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The Honorable Fred Grandy

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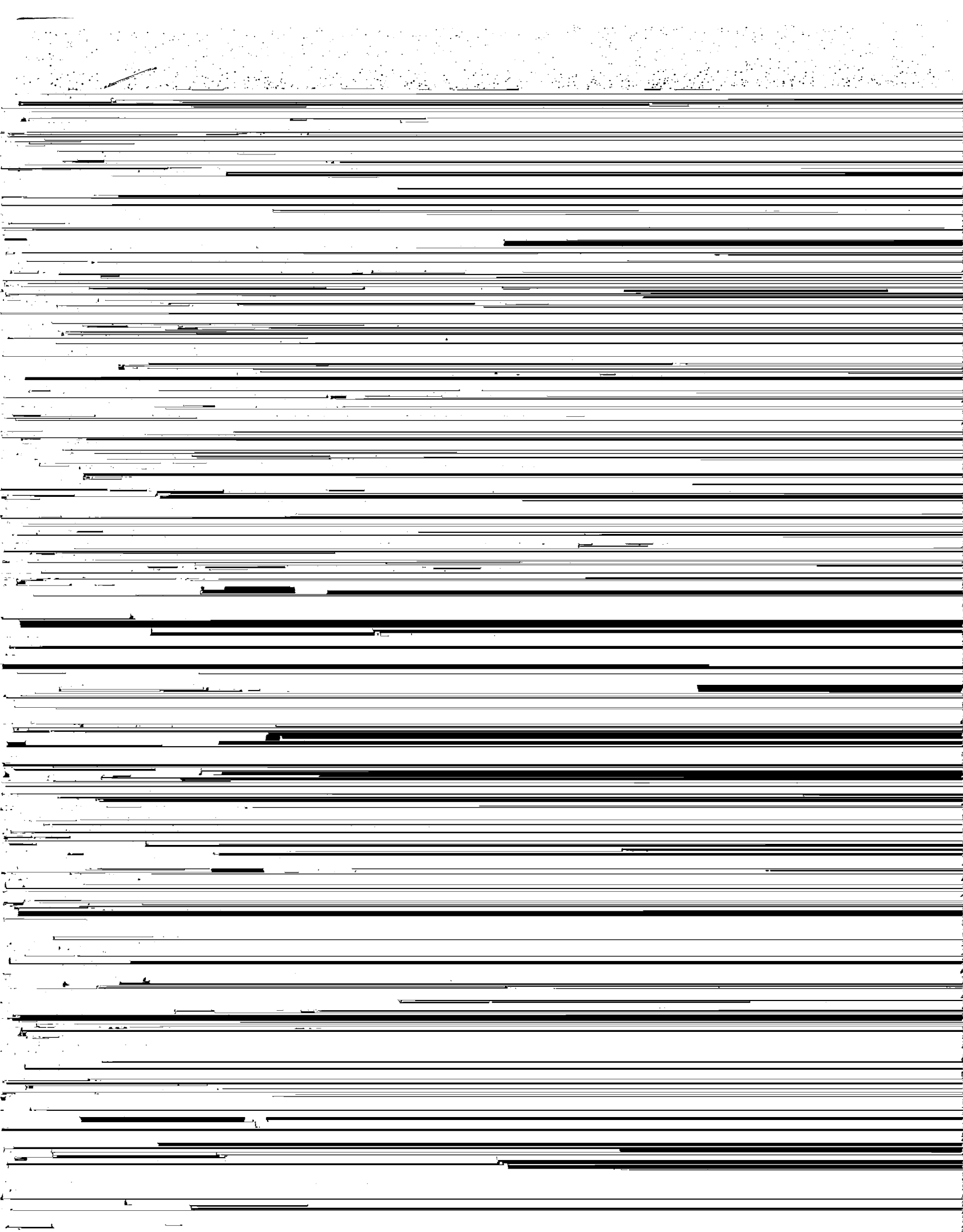
February 9, 1993

The Honorable Fred Grandy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: NPRM - PR Docket 92-235

I have been involved in aviation for several years and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.



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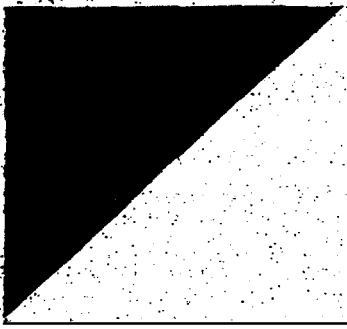
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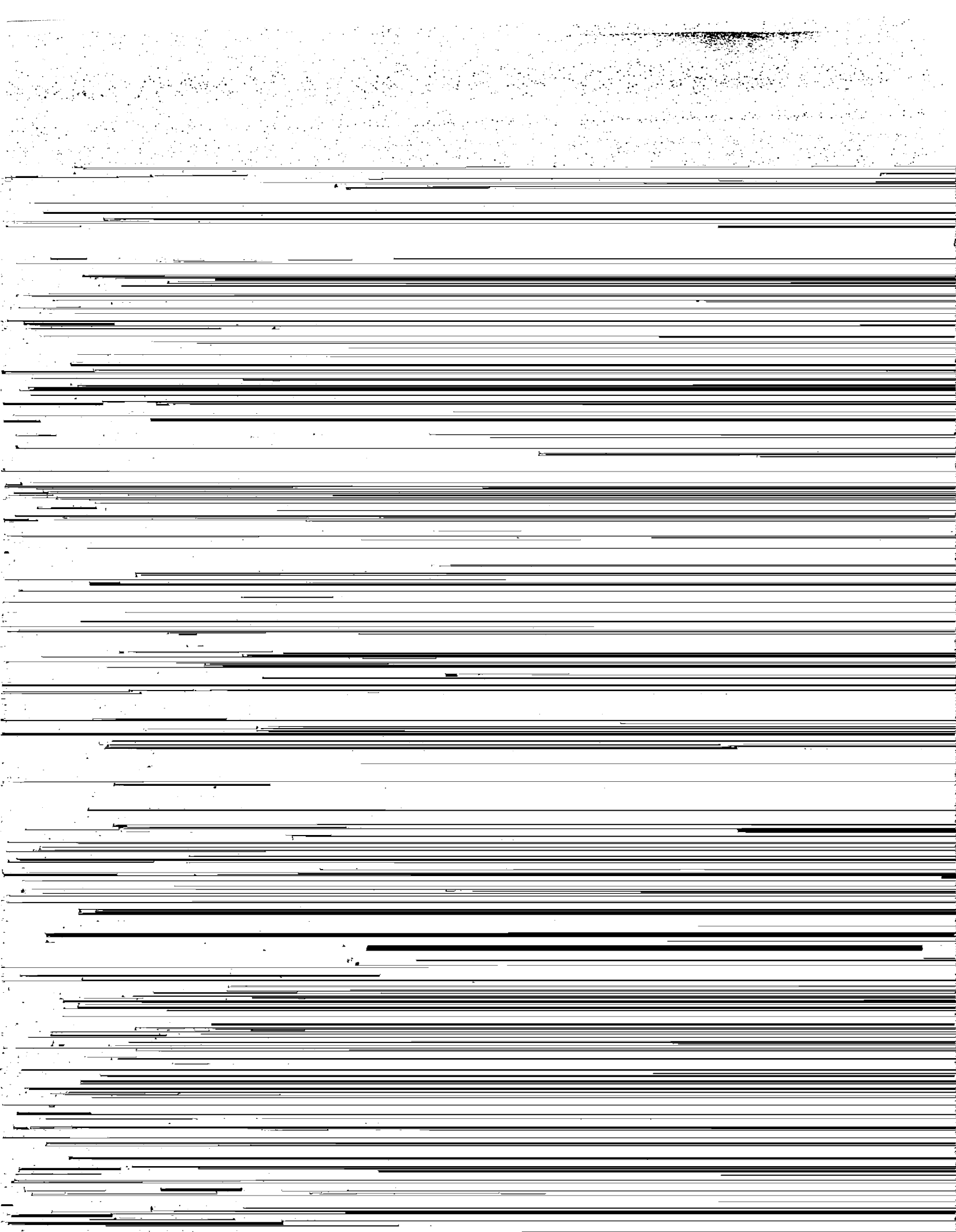
Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

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Senator Tom Harkin
February 15, 1993

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76-MHz band.

Sincerely



Corwin Dudley

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I feel this cut back of frequencies available is going to be responsible for some deaths. I realize this is just another letter to you but please record is as a serious situation

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ARE CAPABLE OF CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS INJURY, OR EVEN DEATH IF RADIO INTERFERENCE CAUSES THE OPERATOR TO LOSE CONTROL OF THE CRAFT. WE OFTEN FLY OUR MODELS AT ORGANIZED EVENTS AND CONTESTS WHERE HUNDREDS OF OPERATORS PARTICIPATE. WE NEED THE USE OF ~~THE~~ ^{OUR} FULL COMPLEMENT OF RADIO FREQUENCIES IN ORDER TO ASSURE A SAFE FLYING ENVIRONMENT.

I DO NOT THINK IT IS WISE OF THE FCC TO SEEK TO IMPROVE THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF LAND MOBILE RADIO USERS AT THE EXPENSE OF RADIO MODELERS.





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February 14, 1993

The Honorable FRED GRANDY
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

I am a professor at Iowa State University. I have had a lifelong interest in aviation. Since a profound hearing loss precludes my being able to learn to fly full-size aircraft, I derive a great deal of enjoyment from flying radio-controlled model airplanes instead.

I am extremely concerned about the changes in Federal Communications Commission rules as proposed in PR DOCKET 92-235, particularly those parts of the proposal relating to Part 95 service, in the 72-76 MHz portion of the band. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model airplane use and increase the risk of accidents and

To the Honorable Rep. Fred Grandy:

My hobby is Aircraft Radio Control Modeling and I urgently need your help. The F.C.C. has issued a Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-P.R. Docket 92-235). Basically what this does is inject radio frequencies so close in band width and four times more powerful than our radios.

February 10, 1993

The Honorable Fred Grandy
United States House of Representative
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Grandy,

I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I also have over \$1,000 dollars invested in just radio equipment not counting my airplane.

It seems to me that since people like me, as well as children and families, as a whole derive pleasures from the sport, that this F. C. C. ruling, if passed will jeopardize our sport, as well as 100's of thousands of others.

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Please understand that many airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

The Honorable Fred Grandy

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Dear Representative Hardy,

It was quite obvious during the recent elections that voters are frustrated with our government, and the way it's being run. Our elected officials are OUR representatives and should listen to our views on issues which directly affect us. The idea of going to Town Meetings is a good start. More people

Feb. 9, 1993

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February 11, 1993


The Honorable Fred Grandy
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FCC PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Grandy:

As a radio controlled model airplane enthusiast, I am very concerned that the proposed new mobile commercial channels to be inserted between the current model airplane channels under PR 92-235 will have a disastrous affect on model aviation.

The stronger power output of commercial equipment so close to the



February 7, 1993

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